

# Media Release

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## May 23, 2016 – (2) Recent Incident Overviews

### *ATV Rider Critically Injured / Armed Suspect Arrested on Stolen Motorcycle following Pursuit*

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**Collision** – On May 21, 2016, just after 5 PM, YCSO deputies were dispatched to an injury collision about 1.5 miles north along Forest Road 761 from Bill Grey Road, Cottonwood. Upon arrival, deputies found an ATV with heavy damage apparently from a rollover. The driver of the vehicle, a 40-year-old man from Marana, Arizona, had been ejected and was lying on the roadway with significant head and upper body injuries. A 47-year-old female passenger from Tucson indicated she was seat belted and remained secured in the vehicle following the collision sustaining minor injuries. She noted the driver was also wearing his seatbelt at the time. EMS personnel arrived, treated the injured man before he was flown to Flagstaff Medical Center. As of yesterday, he is listed in critical condition with a broken skull and bleeding on his brain.



The initial investigation indicates the ATV driver was travelling at an excessive speed as he drove across an uneven portion of the dirt road making it difficult to control the vehicle. It appeared the vehicle left the roadway at this point, entered a shallow ditch and when the driver attempted to re-enter the roadway, the vehicle rolled several times before coming to rest. Deputies noticed the driver's lap seat belt was not attached to the buckle and have not yet determined if the belt was in this condition prior to, or as a result of the collision.

**Stolen Motorcycle** - On May 21, 2016, at around 12:45 AM, a YCSO deputy attempted a traffic stop on a motorcyclist riding on the sidewalk adjacent to Highway 260 near Del Rio Drive, Cottonwood. The rider fled and following a brief pursuit, was arrested after crashing the motorcycle in the 2300 block of Cedar Trail, Cottonwood. He was identified at 43-year-old Vince Saverino from Cottonwood. Saverino was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Unlawful Flight from pursuing Law Enforcement Officer, Weapons Misconduct, and Vehicle Theft. He



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remains in-custody on a \$10,000 bond.

Following the crash of the 2005 80cc Yamaha Dirt bike, the deputy detained Saverino who was complaining of neck and shoulder pain. EMS personnel arrived, treated Saverino on scene, and then transported him to Verde Valley Medical Center under deputy escort where he was cleared for booking. Inside a black pouch on the motorcycle, deputies recovered a loaded .45 caliber handgun. A record check of the license plate indicated the motorcycle had been reported stolen out of Phoenix. Saverino's record showed prior felony convictions which prohibit him from possessing firearms. As a result, he was charged with Weapons Misconduct. Saverino denied any knowledge that the motorcycle was stolen and claimed the handgun was not his.

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